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Hongkong, 14th July, 1937.

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NEW and COMMODIOUS PREMISES
adjoining EASTERN EXTENSION TELEPHONE
COMPANY'S OFFICE.

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G. T. BROCK

July 14, 1937

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1887.

by all residents in this Colony to-day

at this time, January, 1839, was in Canton. At that time, as any rate, was almost if not entirely stagnant, when the Chinese Government, with ill timed energy, appointed the celebrated LIN TSE-SHI as High Commissioner to suppress it. He arrived at Canton in March and from his arrival matters began to move more quickly. His first measure was the issue of edicts, one to foreigners, demanding their departure, another to agents, cajoling, and threats, first that all must surrender, and secondly that bonds be given by each ship entering the port that she had none on board; the second to the Hong Merchants, in which after soundly rating them for their civility to foreigners, and for permitting the export of opium, he ordered them to procure the execution of the bonds within three days under penalty of the loss of their licence. The Commissioner's next acts have been so often told, that we hesitate to recall them. How on the 26th February he strangled a native in the Factory Square, and on the 22nd March cut off all communications between the Factories and Whampoa, demanding that every foreigner sent in to him for trial; how two days later he ordered the fleet to run the gauntlet of armed boats, and succeeded in joining his imprisoned countrymen and flying his ensign on the flagstaff, "well knowing that there is a sense of support in that honoured flag that none can feel but men who look upon it in some such dismal straits as ours;" how on the 27th March Captain Elliot, when measures had been taken to send the foreigners to death, issued his momentous circular to British Merchants to deliver up their opium, valued more than 20,000 chests were delivered, and three months later the British trade

THE SANITARY BOARD AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Friday a rather lively discussion took place with reference to a proposal to constitute what will virtually amount to a ring of Government contractors to carry out drainage works in private houses. The intention of the ring was of course disclaimed, but it was in fact the intention of the framers of the Bill that the real wording of the measure. The clause in question originally stood as follows:— "All works connected with the construction, connection, trapping, and ventilating of drains, shall be carried out at the cost of the charges of the owner of the house, either by the Board, or by persons approved of by the Board under the supervision of the Board." The Hon. A. P. MacBRYEN, on behalf of the landlords, especially the Chinese landlords, objected strongly to the phrase "by persons approved of by the Board" he ground that such a system might lead to great deal of corruption and the establishment of monopolies for the benefit of a few persons. The Hon. Sir W. W. WILSON was gathered from the Government side by the Attorney-General—"If the land could provide a respectable contractor offered every guarantee he did not think the Board would reject him unless for very serious reasons." The hon. gentleman, it will be observed, will not venture on the positive statement that a respectable contractor would be rejected even without good reasons; he only says that he anticipates there might be some cases in which the Board would not

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withdrew their objections. The question must have been peculiarly delicate and bland," Mr. ACKROYD said. "The simplicity of the public must also be considered if he thinks they will rest assured. The former is a danger from extortion and the latter is the lesser evil of the two. There are differences, too, between protecting charges of A are unreasonable and dangerous to see if B will not do the same. It is desirable, as General says, that drainage work should be done by the Government, but so long as it is done by contractors ought to be no matter. It is a contract, not a private contract. It is said there is no right to interfere with that right; not practically amount to such an interference if the Government sets up a Government contractors, and says they may be employed until they are through the form of applying for and giving security?"

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one of the contractors. He would suggest the work to be done, and I would give him the use of the house to the satisfaction that means they would employ their own contractors and arrangements as to the cost of the work. I was not a contractor; this was not the matter, but he must say he had no objections from respect to the work being done. The contractors and pay Go. The SURVEYOR-GENERAL said there was no compelling reason why the work should be done by persons approved and he did not think it was the duty of the Government to approve of persons or if the landlord could employ any contractor who offered to do the work, I think the Board would have no objection. The Board, and he would for one moment think that would lead to any objection as there was no work should be done. The SURVEYOR-GENERAL said the amendment was made for security, as it provided for the satisfaction of the Board. The SURVEYOR-GENERAL said this provision was absolutely imposed.

Capt. T. L. NOT seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

formation we re-Surveyor-General to discuss the Bill with the Hon. Secretary for Lands. I am glad to be able to receive a reply from the Hon. Secretary. I don't think my intention in trying to bind the Hon. Secretary in this Council is to prevent him from doing that is quite unobjectionable. I suggest the words suggested by the Hon. Secretary are quite justifiable. I don't consider it necessary to be done under the satisfaction of the Hon. Secretary. I don't think we have no objection to the Hon. Secretary's suggestion, but I don't think it is necessary to be done under the satisfaction of the Hon. Secretary. I don't think we have no objection to the Hon. Secretary's suggestion, but I don't think it is necessary to be done under the satisfaction of the Hon. Secretary.

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